

In the cabinet of Mr. Joseph Clark, of Cincinnati, I found the following species of enormous weights. They were found by him in that vicinity, where mine were also procured.

	Lbs.	oz.
Unio crassus,	2	10
Unio crassidens,	2	2
Unio tuberculatus,	1	8
Unio securis,	1	
Unio rectus,	1	5
Margaritana complanta,	1	14

Pfeiffer's heaviest weight given, of the European species, is 8 oz. apothecaries' weight, in the "*Unio sinuata*" (margaritifera), which is equal to 6 oz. avoirdupois, the weight used above.

The Society then proceeded to consider the proposed alteration of the Laws, when, on motion, Chapter VIII. Sect. 7th, of the Laws of the Society, was amended so as to read as follows:—

“He shall receive an annual salary of six hundred dollars, from the treasury of the Society.”

Pending nominations, from Nos. 242 to 255, were read.

On motion, permission was granted to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, to have a copy of the portrait of Mr. Heckewelder in the possession of this Society, painted under the superintendence of the Librarian.

Stated Meeting, April 18.

Present, thirty-one members.

Dr. PATTERSON, President, in the Chair.

Dr. C. M. Wetherill, recently elected a member of this Society, was presented and took his seat.

Letters were read:—

From Joseph W. Farnum, dated London, March 21, 1851, acknowledging the receipt of notice of his election as a member of this Society:—and

From Dr. J. G. Flügel, U. S. Consul at Leipsic, dated Leipsic, March 18, 1851, announcing the transmission of a donation to the Library of this Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

- Proceedings of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, from January 24 to March 3, 1851. 8vo.—*From the Royal Institution.*
- Memoirs of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. New Series. Vol. IV. Part 2. Cambridge and Boston, 1850. 4to.—*From the Academy.*
- Proceedings of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Vol. II. Pages 161 to 232 inclusive. 8vo.—*From the same.*
- Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge. Vol. II. Art. 3. Microscopical Examination of Soundings made by the U. S. Coast Survey, off the Atlantic Coast of the United States. By Prof. J. W. Bailey, U. S. Military Academy, West Point. 4to.—*From the Smithsonian Institution.*
- Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society. Vol. V. No. 3. 1851. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Flora Batava, of Afbeelding en Beschrijving van Nederlandsche Gewassen; door Jan Kops en J. E. Van der Trappen. Afleriving 164. Amsterdam. 4to.—*From his Majesty, the King of the Netherlands.*
- Diccionario Hispano-Chileno y Chileno-Hispano, compuesto por el R. P. Misionero, Andres Febres, de la C. de J. Santiago, 1846. 12mo.—*From Lieut. J. M. Gilliss, U. S. Navy.*
- Gramatica de la lengua Chilena, escrita por el Reverendo Padre Misionero, Andres Febres de la C. de J. Santiago, 1846. 8vo.—*From the same.*
- Indenture of Agreement, July 4, 1760, between Lord Baltimore and Thomas and Richard Penn, Esquires, settling the limits and boundaries of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and the three lower counties of Newcastle, Kent and Sussex, on Delaware. Philadelphia, 1851. Folio.—*From Edward D. Ingraham, Esq.*
- Special Anatomy of the Gasteropoda of the United States. By Joseph Leidy, M.D. of Philadelphia. 1850. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- The Plough, the Loom, and the Anvil. Vol. III. No. 10. April, 1851. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Editor.*

Mr. Trego announced the death of Prof. H. C. Oersted, a member of this Society, who died at Copenhagen on the 9th of March, 1851, in the 74th year of his age.

Prof. Frazer briefly spoke of the scientific labours of Prof. Oersted.

Mr. Franklin Peale presented for the inspection of the members, a gold piece of the value of \$50, coined in California, by Mr. Humbert, U. S. Assayer at San Francisco. He also exhibited several of the new three cent pieces, coined at the mint in this city, pursuant to a recent Act of Congress.

Dr. Emerson mentioned to the Society, the passage of a recent Act of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, for the registration of births, marriages and deaths, in the State, distinguishing between those of the white and black inhabitants.

Mr. Justice exhibited a specimen of the new preparation of "flax cotton" by Mr. Clausen.

Mr. Fraley made some observations upon specimens of prepared flax, made some fifteen years ago, at New Hope, Pa., and stated that he had seen about the year 1822, some specimens prepared without water-rotting, at a mill in Manayunk, the property of Mr. Alexander Wilson, for the purpose of manufacturing; and that Commodore Barron had about the same time invented a machine for the same purpose.

The stated business of the evening, the balloting for candidates for membership was then proceeded with; all other business having been finished, the ballot boxes were opened, and the following gentlemen were declared duly elected members of the Society :

REV. HENRY A. BOARDMAN, of Philadelphia.

Dr. THOMAS D. MUTTER, do.

Dr. CASPAR MORRIS, do.

Dr. WILLIAM PEPPER, do.

ISAAC HAZLEHURST, Esq. do.

PETER M'CALL, Esq. do.

Dr. WILLIAM SHIPPEN, do.

Dr. JOSEPH PANCOAST, do.

JACOB G. MORRIS, do.

ROBERT PATTERSON, do.

Prof. WILLIAM CHAUVENET, U. S. Naval Academy.
 DANIEL KIRKWOOD, of Pottsville, Pa.
 Prof. FRANCESCO CAV. ZANTEDESCHI, of Padua.

Stated Meeting, May 2.

Present, twenty-three members.

Dr. FRANKLIN BACHE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr. Thomas S. Kirkbride, Dr. Caspar Morris, Dr. William Pepper, Mr. Jacob G. Morris, Mr. Stephen Colwell, and Rev. Dr. Boardman, recently elected members, were presented and took their seats.

Letters were read:—

From Isaac Hazlehurst, dated Philadelphia, April 19; Rev. Henry A. Boardman, dated Philadelphia, April 21; Dr. Joseph Pancoast, dated Philadelphia, April 22; William Chauvenet, dated Annapolis, Md. April 22; Dr. Thomas D. Mutter, dated Philadelphia, April 24; and Robert Patterson, dated Philadelphia, April 26, respectively acknowledging the receipt of notice of their election as members of this Society:—

From the Royal Society of Sciences at Göttingen, dated 9th February, 1851, acknowledging the receipt of Nos. 43 and 44 of the Proceedings of this Society:—and

From the Literary and Philosophical Society of Manchester, dated Society's Rooms, George street, April 8th, 1851, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of this Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

- Journal Asiatique. IV Série. Tome XVI. Paris, 1850. 8vo.—
From the Asiatic Society of Paris.
- Annales des Mines. Tome XVIII. 4 & 5 Livraisons de 1850. Paris.
 8vo.—*From the Engineers of l'Ecole des Mines.*
- Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society. No. 18. May 1, 1849.
 London. 8vo.—(Not previously received).—*From the Society.*